

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
January 10, 2013

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The invocation was given by Prophetess Hazel Scott, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Edna Jackson, Presiding
Alderman Van Johnson, II Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Mary Osborne, Vice-Chairman of Council
Alderman carol Bell, Tom Bordeaux, Mary Ellen Sprague,
John Hall, Estella Shabazz

Acting City Manager Stephanie S. Cutter
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell
Assistant City Attorneys William W. Shearouse and Lester B. Johnson, III.

ABSENT: Alderman Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council (Out of town representing the City of Savannah at the National League of Cities Board Meeting.)

Alderman Van Johnson, II, Mayor Pro-Tem opened the meeting; Mayor Jackson was attending a press conference and arrived late. She said earlier this day the City Council, City Manager and the City of Savannah received \$1,052,246.74 from GDOT for the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG), hand delivered by Commissioner Golden.

The minutes of the following meeting was approved upon a motion by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Osborne and unanimously carried:

- Approval of the Council Minutes of December 27, 2012.

PRESENTATION

Griffin Lotson, a City Councilman from Darien, Georgia and a National Commissioner on the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, presented information and extended an invitation to the Mayor and Aldermen. The Commission will represent Savannah, Georgia in the President's Inaugural Parade. They were selected because of the rich heritage that Savannah holds. The commission will hold a luncheon at Savannah State College on Friday, February 8, 2013. Mr. Lotson thanked the Council for all their efforts to keep the culture alive.

Pastor George P. Lee, III and members of St. John Baptist Church, who in partnership with the City of Savannah and the Neighborhood Improvement Association (NIA), were present to donate \$10,000 to Ms. Chantel McIver as a down payment on a new home. Alderman Johnson said he participated in St. John's candlelight communion. He also recognized members of the church in the audience. Pastor Lee said each year the church donates to change lives and make dreams come true. Through the years they donated school uniforms, bicycles, laptop computers, and now they are trying to pull families out of poverty, one person at a time. He challenged other faith-based organizations to participate in curbing violence in the community. Alderman Bell and Mayor Jackson thanked Pastor Lee and the congregation of St. John Baptist Church.

Amy Riesinger of the American Cancer Society announced the kickoff of Cancer Prevention Study-3, and to receive a Proclamation declaring February 26 to March 1 "Cancer Prevention Week" in Savannah. They are searching for 400 people in Savannah to participate in a research program. This year's theme is "More Birthdays." Alderman Osborne read the proclamation. Mayor Jackson asked to have the proclamation ratified, as everyone has been touched by cancer. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the proclamation was passed recognizing February 26th to March 1st as Cancer Prevention Week in Savannah.

PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF “CANCER PREVENTION WEEK”

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society’s Cancer Prevention Study-3 is recruiting at least 300,000 adults across the United States to better understand the genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors that cause or prevent cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 alone, the American Cancer Society estimates that more than 1.6 million people in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer, with over 48,000 in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Savannah area has been selected as an enrollment site for this historic study that will follow participants for 20 years by asking them to spend about 45 minutes every other year updating the research team on their health and habits; and

WHEREAS, Savannah, Georgia is known as a caring community with a strong ethic of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, residents have supported Relay for Life events, which raise money each year to help fund research such as this, as well as education, advocacy and patient services for cancer survivors right here in Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, in this effort, the City of Savannah promotes and encourages citizens to participate in the Cancer Prevention Study-3, by enrolling in the study at various locations throughout the community on February 26, 27, 28 and March 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edna Jackson, Mayor of the City of Savannah, do hereby proclaim February 26th through March 1st as “Cancer Prevention Week” in Savannah, Georgia, and urge all citizens to recognize and applaud the initiative to eradicate cancer through research and education.

Adopted and approved this 8th day of January, 2013.

Shirley James, Chair of the Centennial Committee for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Savannah Alumnae Chapter, announced the Centennial Celebration.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

ALCOHOL BEVERAGES LICENSE HEARING

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petition was heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of the license. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried this petition was approved per the City Manager’s recommendation.

William H. Tuten, Jr., for Tondee’s Tavern, requested a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales and Hybrid permits at 7 E. Bay Street, which had a 2012 liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales and is located between Bull and Drayton Streets in District 1. (New ownership/location)

ORDINANCES

First and Second Readings

Ordinances read for the first time in Council January 10, 2013, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time January 10, 2013, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Osborne and unanimously carried.

AN ORDINANCE TO BE TITLED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX I, SECTION 219 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003) PERTAINING TO SECTION 7-1091 OF SAID CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE STREET NAMED HEREIN SHALL PROHIBIT STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING AT ALL TIMES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Appendix I, Section 219 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003), pertaining to Section 7-1091 of said Code, as amended, shall be amended by adding thereto the following:

AMEND SECTION 219 STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES TO INCLUDE:

68TH STREET

On the north side of 68th Street from Sanders Street and continuing east for 190’.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Adopted and approved this 10th day of January, 2013.

AN ORDINANCE
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX I, SECTION 219 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003) PERTAINING TO SECTION 7-1091 OF SAID CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE STREET NAMED HEREIN SHALL PROHIBIT STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING AT ALL TIMES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Appendix I, Section 219 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003), pertaining to Section 7-1091 of said Code, as amended, shall be amended as follows:

AMEND SECTION 219 STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING
PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES

DELETE

FREDERICK STREET

On the east side of Frederick Street between the north curblane of East 68th Street and the south curblane of East 67th Street.

On the east side of Frederick Street between the south curblane of East 66th Street and the north curblane of East 67th Street.

On the east side of Frederick Street from 65th Street to DeRenne Avenue.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of January, 2013.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT TWO GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN

DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME.

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah has received notification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that it may apply for a FY 2012 Continuum of Care Supportive Housing Competitive Renewal grant totaling \$574,560 as described below; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council to authorize this application for federal assistance, on behalf of project sponsor Union Mission, Inc., to submit a renewal grant application for \$574,560 to implement the project known as Union Mission Shelter Plus Care 54-Units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, hereby resolve and authorize Stephanie S. Cutter, Acting City Manager, to submit the foregoing grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide permanent supportive housing for low-income persons.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of January, 2013, upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Bell and unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT TWO GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS.

WHEREAS the City of Savannah has received notification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that it may apply for two FY2013 HOPWA Competitive Renewal grants totaling \$1,042,974 as described below; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for the City Council to authorize this application for federal assistance, on behalf of project sponsor Union Mission, Inc., to submit a renewal grant application for \$729,696 to implement the project known as Project House Call-Renewal #5; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for the City Council to authorize this application for federal assistance, on behalf of project sponsor Union Mission, Inc., to submit a renewal grant application for \$313,278 to implement the project known as Daniel-Flagg Villas-Renewal #4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, hereby resolve and authorize Stephanie S. Cutter, Acting City Manager, to submit the foregoing two grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide permanent supportive housing for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of January, 2013, upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Bell and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Re-appoint Acting City Manager Stephanie S. Cutter. Upon a motion by Alderman Osborne, seconded by Alderman Hall and unanimously carried Ms. Cutter was re-appointed as Acting City Manager retroactive to January 4, 2013.

Founding Partner of the World Trade Center Savannah. Approval of \$50,000.00 for the City of Savannah to become a Founding Partner of the World Trade Center Savannah. The City has led the charge for international awareness and engagement. The Savannah Economic Development Authority stepped forward to join the City to more proactively present Savannah, as the heart of our region, on the world stage through major investment in the creation of the World Trade Center Savannah. By officially becoming a Founding Partner of the World Trade Center (WTC), the City will be formalizing an investment in the vision of international business development and services.

World Trade Center Savannah will:

- Prominently positioned the City on its website homepage

- Include the City as a Founding Partner on all press releases, newsletters and advertising;
- Provide strategic guidance to the City in its international efforts;
- Provide up to 100 hours of trade services and research to include organization, company, industry and country research, briefing books, matchmaking, etc.;
- Participate and/or coordinate meetings with and presentations for international guests of the City, as requested by the Office of International Affairs. In addition, specifically for business related delegations or guests, WTC Savannah will provide additional services to include itinerary planning and execution, airport greetings, lodging coordination, gifts, transportation arrangements and follow up communication;
- Include a GSIA internship in its structured internship program to support the efforts of the GSIA.

Funds are available in the General Fund Contingency (Account No. 101-8199-51810).

Alderman Johnson said this was a unique opportunity for Savannah. The City welcomes delegations from across the world and it was time to put the constructs in place and have the infrastructure in place to be internationally business friendly and to become a true National City. A founding partner with the World Trade Center is a way to do that. Ms. Cutter said the City partnering with the WTC center was most important. The investment will help the City move aggressively forward and assist in economic development opportunities. Alderman Osborne said a member of City Council would serve on the board of the World Trade Center. Alderman Shabazz said the youth of Savannah should be involved with the center.

Upon a motion by Alderman Sprague, seconded by Alderman Bell and unanimously carried the approval was granted.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS

Parking Restrictions – 00 Blocks of West 32nd and West 33rd Streets. Savannah Fire and Emergency Services has requested that parking be restricted in various sections of the 00 blocks of W. 32nd and W. 33rd Streets to ensure that adequate space is provided to fire trucks accessing the newly constructed Fire Station No. 5.

The 00 blocks of W. 32nd and W. 33rd Streets are located between Bull and Whitaker Streets and the Fire Station is located on the west end of the block with driveways on both streets. In addition, Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Notre Dame Academy are located on the south side of W. 33rd Street. The Fire Department reports that current parking conditions will restrict the amount of space needed to maneuver and park large fire vehicles, ranging in length from 28 to 58 feet, at the Fire Station facility. Per the development plan, vehicles will enter the facility from Whitaker Street via W. 32nd Street and exit to either Bull or Whitaker Streets from W. 33rd Street. Traffic Engineering has reviewed the current conditions along W. 32nd and W. 33rd Streets and found that the streets are 30 feet wide with curb and gutter. Unlimited parking is allowed on both sides of W. 32nd Street, on the west end of the north side of W. 33rd Street, and on the south side of W. 33rd Street.

It is recommended that on-street parking be prohibited in the following areas:

- W. 32nd Street, north side, from Whitaker Street going east 110 feet;
- W. 32nd Street, south side, from Whitaker Street going east 70 feet;
- W. 33rd Street, north side, from Whitaker Street going east 70 feet;
- W. 33rd Street, south side, from Whitaker Street going east 95 feet to the Sacred Heart driveway and 70 feet east of the Sacred Heart driveway.

Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the approval was granted. Ordinance to cover at the next meeting of Council.

Radar Permit Biannual Update. In order to add streets and street segments to the Radar Permit issued by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), speed ordinances based on engineering studies are required. The Savannah-Chatham County Metropolitan Police Department has requested that Benton Boulevard and Bradley Boulevard be added to the radar permit in order to perform speed enforcement on these streets. It has also been requested that the permit for White Bluff Road be amended to reflect contiguous coverage for its entirety while removing duplication with Coffee Bluff Road, and that overlapping speed limits on W. Gwinnett Street be eliminated and contiguous segments consolidated.

Traffic Engineering is requesting a reduction of the speed limit from 35 to 25 MPH on the Stiles Avenue approaches to the intersection with W. Gwinnett Street in an effort to improve traffic safety. Furthermore, residents have requested that two local streets be reduced from 30 MPH to 25 MPH, as they were originally posted prior to being added to the radar permit in the 1980s when 25 MPH zones were not permitted to be included.

Recommend that the posted speed limit of 45 MPH on Benton Boulevard between the southern City limits and Highlands Boulevard and the 30 MPH posted speed limit on Bradley Boulevard from 967 feet east of SR 25/US 17 to 1605 feet east of SR 25/US 17 and from 395 feet south of Castello Avenue to the south City limits, be so designated in the City Code, and that a resolution to add these segments to the radar permit be submitted to GDOT. Recommend that the speed limit on Stiles Avenue from Cornwall Street to Carr Avenue be reduced from 35 MPH to 25 MPH, and that a resolution to amend the Radar Permit be submitted to GDOT. Recommend that the speed limits on Oxford Street between Kensington Drive and Reynolds Street and on Althea Parkway between Kensington Drive and Waters Avenue be reduced from 30 MPH to 25 MPH, and that the existing radar permit be revised to reflect the 25 MPH speed limits. Recommend that the radar permit for White Bluff Road be extended to include the previously omitted segment between Abercorn Street and Montgomery Cross Road and amended to stop at Vernon River Drive in order to remove duplication with Coffee Bluff Road. Recommend further that the radar permit for Gwinnett Street be amended to remove an overlap in coverage that creates conflicting speed limits on .44 miles of road west of I-516 and that two segments listed between Stiles Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard be consolidated, as they are contiguous and permitted for the same speed limit.

Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the approval was granted. Ordinance to cover at the next meeting of Council.

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hall and unanimously carried, the following bids, contracts and agreements were approved per the City Manager's recommendations:

Coastal Workforce Services/YouthBuild Savannah Program. Authorized the Acting City Manager to sign and administer Memorandums of Understandings/Agreements (MOU/As) with community partners/agencies as sub-grant recipients of FY2012 YouthBuild Grant Funds. The City of Savannah has received a "Notification of Grant Award" from the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in the amount of \$936,000. This is the initial portion of the total grant budgeted for key primary partners: Ash Tree Organization, Inc., Housing Authority of Savannah, St. Paul CME and the City's Housing Department. All agencies listed above have been key primary partners to the City of Savannah YouthBuild program grant since implementation in Program Year 2006-07.

- The Ash Tree Organization, Inc. will continue to provide direct services to the participants of the YouthBuild Savannah program for three key positions: the YouthBuild Savannah program GED Instructor, Career Development Specialist and Youth Specialist/Case Manager, payments not to exceed \$367,108 through December 31, 2015.
- The Housing Authority of Savannah will continue to provide temporary, part-time and full-time On-the-Job Training (OJT) opportunities to YouthBuild trainees/graduates on an as needed basis and the availability of grant funds.
- St. Paul CME Church will continue to provide transportation services to YouthBuild trainees to/from Savannah Technical College, designated worksite and other program activity sites on an as needed basis, payments not to exceed \$5,000 through December 31, 2015.
- The City of Savannah's Housing Department will continue to provide temporary, part-time and full-time On-the-Job Training (OJT) opportunities to YouthBuild trainees/graduates, payments not to exceed \$65,000 through December 31, 2015. The grand total of MOU/As proposed for signature is \$437,108. The remaining funds are budgeted for other participant training and support staff related costs: wages/stipends, tuition, books, fees (at Savannah Tech), substance abuse counseling services, administrative, equipment, training supplies, rent, staff development etc. The period of availability for these funds is September 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015. Pursuant to the City of Savannah and the U.S. Department of Labor, recommend approval to authorize the Acting City Manager to receive grant funding and enter into Grant Administration Agreements with sub-grant recipients in accordance with the City's and USDOL's procurement policies and procedures. (Additional information is attached.)

Deptford Tract Environmental Remediation Services Contract Modification No.1 (SA 601). Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 in the amount of \$159,122.10 with Terracon Consultants, Inc. The original contract was for environmental remediation of the Deptford Tract Landfill. In November, 2011, City Council approved an agreement with Greenfield Environmental Savannah Trust LLC to implement a Corrective Action Plan approved by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for remediation of the Deptford Tract. The plan includes the remediation of the former municipal landfill that was once operated by the City on that site. The work includes environmental remediation, installation of engineering controls, sampling and reporting services. The City of Savannah is responsible for 75% of the cost of the remediation services. Following award of the contract, an extensive investigation and contamination delineation study was performed for the site and a cost estimate for the cleanup was established for the Corrective Action Plan. The actual quantities for the cleanup exceeded the original estimates, due primarily to more extensive contamination than was originally estimated. EPD required additional excavation, backfill and confirmatory sampling to close out the project. This contract modification includes the increased scope of work to be completed. The original contract amount originally approved May 3, 2012 was for \$334,537.40. The contract modification is \$212,162.80 making the new contract total \$546,700.20. The City's share of the work for this modification is \$159,122.10, making the City's total share of the new contract total \$410,025.15. Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to Terracon Consultants in the amount of \$159,122.10. Funds are available in the Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Deptford Tract Landfill (Account No. 311-9207-52842-SA601).

Traffic Sign Faces – Annual Contract – Event No. 799. Awarded an annual contract to procure traffic sign faces from Vulcan, Inc. in the amount of \$49,875.20. The sign faces will be used by the Traffic Engineering Department's Sign Shop. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net 30 Days. The bidders Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, General Fund/Traffic Engineering (Account No. 101-2103-51340).

Radome – Event No. 821. Approval to procure a radome (radar dome) from L-3 Communications ESSCO, Inc. in the amount of \$85,350.00. The radome will be used by the Water Supply and Treatment Department to ensure communication equipment will be protected during hurricanes or extreme wind events and will be installed at the Critical Workforce Shelter. While only one proposal was received, pricing was solicited from all known providers. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Capital Improvement Projects/Critical Workforce Shelter (Account No. 311-9207-52842-WT228).

Chlorinator Repair Parts – Annual Contract – Event No. 852. Awarded an annual contract to procure chlorinator repair parts from Templeton Engineering Sales in the amount of \$26,744.00. The repair parts will be used by the I & D Water Treatment Plant and Water Reclamation to repair chlorinators used in the water and wastewater treatment process. Although 75 bidders were solicited, only one bidder chose to respond. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, I & D Operation/Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 531-2581-51250) and Water Reclamation/Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 521-2553-51250).

16" DR 25 Fusible C-905 Pipe – Event No. 1066. Approval to procure 1200 feet of 16" DR 25 fusible C-905 pipe from Underground Solutions in the amount of \$48,000.00. The pipe will be utilized by Water Distribution to repair a leak on the 20" I & D main on President Street. The reason why a sole source is required is that Underground Solutions is the only authorized supplier for this pipe. This is the only type of pipe that can be used when utilizing the directional boring process. Delivery: As Requested. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Miscellaneous Water Line Improvements (Account No. 311-9207- 52842-WT0521).

Flygt Pump Repair – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 1088. Renewed an annual contract to procure equipment, repair parts and services for Flygt pumps from Xylem Water Solutions (formerly ITT/Flygt) in the estimated amount of \$150,000.00. The repair parts and services are needed to maintain Flygt pumps in the waste water collection and stormwater systems. The reason why a sole source vendor is required is that Xylem Water Solutions is the only vendor authorized to service Flygt pumps for this area. Prices were negotiated with the vendor and are based on a 15% discount off list price for equipment, 10% discount off list price for parts and 5% discount for labor. This is the fifth renewal option of this contract. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in 2013 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Various CIP's, (Account No.311-9207- 52842), Water &

Sewer Operating Fund/Lift Station Maintenance/Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 521-2551-51250).

Civic Center Arena Concourse – Event No. 680. Approval to procure Civic Center Arena Concourse Lighting repairs from Pioneer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$85,131.00. This project includes replacing the ceiling tiles and lighting fixtures in portions of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Arena. The work includes selective demolition, replacement of lighting fixtures and exhaust fans and miscellaneous finishes. All bids submitted were over budget; City staff has negotiated with the low bidder to value engineer the project to reduce the total project cost. This bid has been opened and reviewed. Delivery: 21 Days. Terms: Net 30 days. Cost/Civic Center Arena Concourse Lighting (Account No. 311-9207-52842-CC0201).

Alderman Osborne said this was a lot of money to invest in an almost-dying civic center, yet it was necessary as the arena is a few years away. Upon a motion by Alderman Osborne, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the contract was approved.

Civic Center Restroom Renovations – Event No. 683. Approval to procure Civic Center Restroom Renovation repairs from CNB Construction, LLC in the amount of \$113,824.71. This project includes renovating the men's and women's restrooms serving the main floor/lobby area. A new family restroom will be installed outside of the existing men's room. This work also includes selective demolition, cast-in place concrete, new plumbing fixtures, replacement of lighting and exhaust fans, new composite floor mounted partitions, and miscellaneous finishes. This project was originally estimated to be under \$100,000 therefore no MWBE goals were established for the project. All bids submitted were over budget; City staff has negotiated with the low bidder to value engineer the project to reduce the total project cost. This bid has been opened and reviewed. Delivery: 21 Days. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Capital Improvement Project/Other Cost/Civic Center Theater Side Restrooms (Account No. 311-9207-52842- CC0604).

Alderman Bordeaux said the renovations to the restrooms were passed without comments and some people watch the Council meetings closely and question the actions of council. The reason for not questioning the restroom was that it deals with the central area in the Johnny Mercer Theater which is still in good condition and still functional and it is very much needed. Mayor Jackson said it also took care of health issues. Alderman Bell pointed out they were adding a family and handicap restrooms.

Critical Workforce Shelter APC Data Equipment – Event No. 869. Approval to procure critical workforce shelter APC data equipment from Daniel A. Newman d/b/a Power Systems Engineering in the amount of \$218,705.00. The APC data equipment will be used by the City of Savannah's SCADA and Information Technology Department and will be located at the Critical Workforce Shelter. The equipment includes UPS cooling, server racks, monitoring equipment and software and will be used to maintain proper operating conditions for servers and networking equipment that runs the Water Resources Management SCADA and IT data networks. Bids were received December 4, 2012. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Capital Improvement Projects/Critical Workforce Shelter (Account No. 311-9207-52842-WT228).

Alderman Sprague asked the time-line for the project, Peter Shonka said it would be completed in March or April time frame and this was not a part of the original contract. Upon a motion by Alderman Sprague, seconded by Alderman Bell and unanimously carried the contract was approved.

Mayor Jackson said the Council's journey is continuing and they worked well this past year and they will do greater moving forward. In meeting with residents and concerned groups about various issues, it shows the Council is listening and not making quick decisions. This Mayor and Council do not have all the answers and if any resident feels they are moving in the wrong direction, they should call them.

Alderman Hall said too often they hear of what the City employees were not doing or not doing properly. Therefore, he was pleasantly surprised to receive a phone call from Mr. Al Powers of Fairway Oaks. He commented on the professionalism, courtesy and patience of 3 City employees after a wind storm and after the holidays. They waited for him to bag more limbs in his yard and he offered them a tip and they refused it because they were doing their job. He announced to Bill Wardlow, Alfonzo Miller and Rodney Young that the Council and City was proud of them and the work they do for the great City of Savannah. Mayor Jackson thanked

Alderman Hall and said when she gets letters of appreciation and praise of employees she forwards them to the City Manager to send to the individuals. She said Savannah has the best employees in the world.

Alderman Sprague complimented Chief Lovett on the low crime statistics. She said they were hit with some challenges last year and they are still facing some, but at least the numbers are going in the right direction. Officer Taylor in the Central Precinct is working with the City's Property Maintenance Department in her district and she was encouraged seeing the collaboration of the departments.

Alderman Johnson said some City fire employees were on West 40th Street and resuscitated a dog. The City has great employees, who do great things, but CPR on a dog is awesome; life is life and he thanked them for their work since pets are family.

Alderman Bell recognized a strong community supporter Reverend Thomas Tillman from First African Church. He is involved in the re-entry program for the individuals that come out of the prison system. Alderman Shabazz was also pleased that Reverend Tillman was present. She said there was a production company enticing the youth with inappropriate material and Reverend Tillman was involved with youth in Savannah. Reverend Tillman said everyone needs to listen to the youth and not be quick to criticize them. He is gathering information and soliciting other pastors, churches and those who care about the young people to engage in learning what's going on with the youth in Savannah and be a positive part of it. He talked with City staff about a meeting and said they were all excited about participating. Mayor Jackson said she had talked with the City Manager about the youth in the community and she said Reverend Tillman was correct that there is a need for a youth summit. The youth can tell everyone about the problems and what they need and plan with them instead of for them.

Alderman Sprague announced the deadline to apply for the openings on the Boards, Commissions and Authorities was January 31, 2013.

Mayor Jackson said the Council's Annual Retreat is Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Express on Bay Street.

There being no further business, Mayor Jackson declared this meeting of Council adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dyanne C. Reese". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Dyanne C. Reese, MMC
Clerk of Council